

DATE: 22 Feb 72

TO: Mr. Colby

FROM: GACarver, Jr.

SUBJECT:

REMARKS:

Per our conversation about the report on deteriorating security in I Corps, attached is a Saigon cable to the ROIC's in MR's 2, 3 and 4 which you will find of interest.

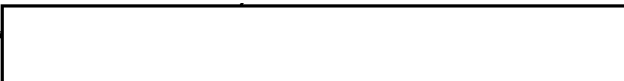
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1. REF, WHICH MOST ADDRESSEES HAVE PROBABLY NOT YET RECEIVED, IS ON SUBJECT OF DECLINE IN STATUS OF PACIFICATION IN THUA THIEN AND QUANG TRI PROVINCES COMPILED FROM SIX DIFFERENT SOURCES WHO ARE EITHER THEMSELVES GVN OFFICIALS OR OBTAINED INFO FROM OFFICIALS. HEADQUARTERS HAS DESCRIBED IT AS "AN EXCELLENT REPORT ON A SUBJECT OF HIGH INTEREST" AND HAS ASKED IF IT IS POSSIBLE FOR STATION TO ADDRESS QUESTION OF POSSIBLE DETERIORATION OF PACIFICATION FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN PRESENCE FROM OTHER REGIONS AND PROVINCES "ON A SYSTEMATIC BASIS".

2. REALIZE THAT AT PRESENT TIME REGIONS ARE CONCENTRATING ON ENEMY PLANS AND CAPABILITIES IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE, AND DO NOT WISH DIMINISH THAT PREOCCUPATION. HOWEVER WISH ADVISE YOU OF ABOVE HQS INTEREST AND URGE THAT YOU ATTEMPT APPROPRIATE COLLECTION AS POSSIBLE. IF

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REGIONS WILL TAKE CARE OF COLLECTION, SAIGON WILL TAKE CARE OF SYSTEMATIZATION.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE THIS IS A TOPIC ON WHICH ALL REGIONS HAVE COLLECTED IN PAST. RECEIPT OF REF, WHICH WAS AN EXCEPTIONALLY COMPREHENSIVE, MULTI-SOURCE REPORT, APPARENTLY MERELY BROUGHT TOPIC BACK TO FOREFRONT OF HQS ATTENTION.

4. ALTHOUGH HQS DOES NOT ASK FOR IT, IF YOU HAVE ANY REPORTING ON IMPROVEMENT IN SECURITY SITUATION IN VARIOUS AREAS FROM SOURCES WHICH CAN BE CONSIDERED OBJECTIVE (NOT COMMENTING ON THEIR OWN FINE PERFORMANCE) WE ARE AT HOME TO THAT TOO.

5. CONGRATULATIONS ON REF. HQS HAS ALSO ASKED FOR CONSIDERED ASSESSMENT AS TO DEGREE OF OBJECTIVITY OR CONVERSELY BIAS THAT MIGHT AFFECT REPORTING OF SOURCES QUOTED IN REPORT. REQUEST COMMENT ON INDIVIDUAL SOURCES. GP-1

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